UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

Computer Centre

NEWSLETTER

authorization: Director of the Computer Centre

1   SYSTEMS PERFORMANCE

Not a good week for many users.   Some new disk drives were
delivered and required acceptance testing.   The problem is that
until the GE-225 is retired, we have not sufficient space in the
Computer Room to install the new disk controller and data channel.
To acceptance test the new drives, therefore, it was necessary to
uncable existing drives.   This disturbance of the cable arrange-
ments has resulted in transient errors from the cables,connectors
or controller.

Users will also appreciate that during the period of examination
results there are lengthy time critical jobs which must, in the
University's interest, be given priority.   We hope that this
situation will be relieved when a second printer is installed
next year at the remote batch station in the Commerce Building.

2   CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

The Centre will be closed on public holidays.   Prime shift
operation will be provided from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the days
between Christmas and New Year public holidays.

3   ERR= RETURNS IN FOROTS

Available on NEW: is a version of FOROTS which has been modified
so that ERR= returns specified in a read statement will be taken
if an illegal character is detected in the input data.

This version may be used with any program loaded for use with
FOROTS by setting NEW in one's search list.   This may be done
at LOGIN -
          e.g.   LOG proj.no,prog.no/NEW/COST:$1

or by using the SETSRC program -

          e.g.   .R SETSRC
                  *NEW
                  *↑C

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        THE DIRECTOR AND STAFF OF THE COMPUTER CENTRE

     WISH ALL USERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.